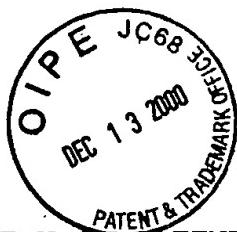


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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

December 13, 2000

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated June 13, 2000, the period for response having been extended three (3) additional months to December 13, 2000, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 7, 9, 10 and 21 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter disclosed therein.

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